1	2	3	4	5	
6.	Anandpur Barrage Project (Major)	482.26	69.12	Keonjar, Bhadrak, Balasore	B
7.	Ong Dam Project (Major)	304.66	34.50	Baragarh	B
8.	Kanupur Irrigation project (Major)	428.32	47.71	Keonjar	B
9.	Brutang (Major)	227.25	31	Nayagarh	B
10.	Upper Indravati Ext. Project (Major)	136.67	41.79	Kalahandi	B
11.	Upper Kolab Extension project (Major)	71.66	19.28	Koraput, Nowrangpur	B
12.	Imp. to Sason Canal System of Hirakud Distribution System (Major)	34.92	16.28	Sambalpur, Bolangir	B
13.	Imp. of Salki Irri. Project (Major)	10.80	19.89	Boudh	B
14.	Majore (Medium)	37.70	10.43	Dhenkanal	B
15.	Telangir (Medium)	106.19	13.83	Koraput	B
16.	Rukrua (Medium)	15.15	7.65	Sundargarh	B
17.	Dhauragoth (Medium)	16.80	3.01	Dhenkanal	B
18.	Ret (Medium)	86.14	9.78	Kalahandi	B
19.	Upper Lanth (Medium)	48.99	6.11	Bolangir	B
20.	Samakoi (Medium)	43.85	10.89	Angul	B
21.	Cheligada (Medium)	52.96	3.12	Gajapati	B
22.	Hadua Irrigation Project (Medium)	61.48	5.73	Cuttack	B

Status: (A) Under Correspondence
(B) Put up to Advisory Committee & accepted subject to observations.

Import duty on sugar and vegetable oil

*553. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for controlling import of unnecessary agro-products like sugar, vegetable oils, etc. by charging reliable import duty for safeguarding and benefiting domestic agro-products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) subsequant to the decision regarding removal of import restrictions, the Government has been implementing a conscious policy of adjustments in customs duties to provide necessary protection to the domestic producers. Towards that end, customs duty on almost all the items on which QRs were to be removed was raised to the peak rate of 35% in the budget for the year 2000-2001. Import duty on sugar was raised from 25% to 60% in February, 2000. Subsequent to the budget, import duty on skimmed milk powder was raised from 0% to 60% on chicken legs from 35% to 100%, on rice from 0% to 70%, on arecanut from 35% to 100% and on apple from 35% to 50%

Import duty on edible oil was raised twice, in June and again in November last year. In the budget for the year 2001-2002, the custom duty on coconut, copra, tea and coffee has been raised from 35% to 70%. The import duty on various refined edible oils excepting soyabean oil has been raised to 85%. Similarly, the import duty on various crude edible oils excepting soyabean oil has been raised to 75% with a concession of 20% on the imports of crude palm oil made by sick Vanaspati Units.

The imports are being closely monitored and Government will take all appropriate steps including increse in customs duty, within the bound rates, whenever the situation so arises.

Action Against Mekaster Group of Companies

*554. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mekaster International Pvt. Ltd. and Mekaster Trading Corporation, Ansal Bhavan, New Delhi, are representing different foreign firms and are registered with Director General Supply and Disposal (DGS and D);

(b) whether both the firms have participated in a tender floated by DGS and D for purchase of Telemetry System and suppressed facts in order to procure the tender; and .